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HISTORICAL DATA

PINECASTLE ARMY AIR FIELD  
621ST AAF BASE UNIT (PAAF)  
AAF CENTER  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

1 OCTOBER - 31 OCTOBER 1945

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(D) SQUADRON E

Squadron E - Fighter (so) operated on an average strength of 20 officers and 134 EM. All AAF Beard Projects and AFCTR and AF School Demonstrations were successfully carried out. Normal routine duties were performed this month. The squadron was regularly inspected by it's commander or a member of his staff.

Flying time for the month is as follows:

AAF School	83:30
AAF Beard Projects and Tests	212:15
Administrative	7:10
Unit Training	7:05
Individual Training	55:05
	<u>365:05</u>

The first demonstration of the month was on 15 October, which was a VIP mission. Seven P-47's took off from this field. Four P-47's at 0930, and three P-47's at 0945. Lt Plutt was the leader of the first flight and Capt Hicks, the leader of the second flight. This mission was primarily a demonstration of the Radar station "Jupiter". Many favorable comments were heard in regard to this mission.

The major demonstration of the month was a 3-13 mission flown on 18 October, at the Pinecastle Range. There were three phases to the mission. The first phase was an attack against a simulated enemy airstrip and aircraft on the ground. The second phase consisted of an attack against lines of supply and signal communications. The third phase consisted of eight P-47's in two plane elements with elements in line astern at safe intervals. This was led by Capt Russell. A truck convoy was bombed and strafed with good results. The bomb load consisted of two practice bombs with spotting charges. The squadron was highly com-

ended for the manner in which this mission was performed.

On 30 October a V Beam mission and demonstration was conducted.

The mission consisted of two flights of P-47's, four planes in the first flight and three in the second flight, and one flight of P-51's from Sq F. Four P-47's and four P-51's took off from this field at 0845 where they proceeded to orbit point and called Jupiter. The mission was repeated at 1045 with one flight of four P-47's and a flight of P-51's, also again at 1100, with three P-47's and three P-51's. All missions were successfully carried out and highly commended.